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*You will be like a well-watered garden,
like a spring whose waters never fail* Isaiah 58:11



Our Garden of Remembrance

St Mary's has worked very hard over the years to provide a timeless and respectful final resting place for the ashes of beloved members in our community. We know there is a treasured history here, including individuals who have given so much to our community, and often respected by others who have given generously to the church in their memory. We have family members who now live far away, finding the time to travel to reconnect with their ancestors, and rekindle their memories in the peace of our memorial garden.

However, what has proved a challenge, is meeting the expectation that individual rose plants, and individual plaques, will remain untouched over the decades from where they were first located. It has been quite a shock for some relatives to discover that these are no longer intact, with a sense of anguish that somehow the memories of their loved ones have been disrespected. If only we could have kept in touch with all these relatives and helped them understand the decisions the PCC has needed to make over the years to deal with decaying rose bushes and making the plaque arrangement sustainable.



Fortunately, and with support from the tireless work of Roger and Shaun as the gardening team, and Kat in the office, more and more families are now reconnecting with us to arrange for a sustainable plaque to be installed on our memorial posts. Any legacy plaques that have been temporarily removed are being kept securely or respectfully placed in a side bed whilst we are in transition.

Enquiries to the office provides all the information on how new plaques can be arranged, and on request we can also share plot information from the records which we meticulously maintain. Should you have any questions, please do contact us to ensure we continue to honour the treasured memories of those who chose St Mary's as their final resting place.

Vacancy Update

Sometimes seasons can seem to change really quickly, and this year seems no exception as the Summer seems to have become Autumn in the blink of an eye. Already we are planning dates not just for Harvest, but dates for Remembrance, All Souls Commemoration and of course Advent and Christmas. It's so easy to take for granted all those who work behind the scenes for this all to happen, but at the same time our recruitment process has also been advancing.

It was reassuring to be joined by the Venerable Martin Breadmore Archdeacon of Dorking who presided and preached on Sunday 22nd September. He helped put this into perspective for us, saying that he was aware of interest in our vacancy, and assured us that there was no requirement on us to be doing anything differently in the meantime.

The Bishop of Guildford and PCC seek to appoint a
Vicar of Cuddington

St Mary's Cuddington, is a parish in the north of Epsom Deanery, within easy reach of Surrey Hills countryside and travel into London. We seek a collaborative and caring vicar with a heart for the choral tradition, to build up connections with families and children and reach out across our community.

We seek a Vicar who will:

- Celebrate God's inclusive love across our community.
- Empower and nurture us to develop our God-given talents.
- Inspire us to deepen our individual faith journeys.
- Enhance our worship to better integrate families and young people.
- Develop ways for older children to grow in faith together.
- Deepen our community links to reach those in need.
- Grow St Mary's as a community hub.

In exchange we offer

- Supportive ministry team, staff team and volunteers.
- Well maintained Victorian Church, modern hall & grounds.
- Commitment to the Guildford Clergy Wellbeing Covenant.
- A modern four-bedroom vicarage.

More details at cofeguildford.org.uk/clergyvacancies

Please send completed applications to clergy.appointments@cofeguildford.org.uk

Closing date 1 October 2024

Interviews 30 + 31 October 2024

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All being well, applications received by 1st Oct, will be shortlisted on 10th Oct, with Interviews at the end of the month. At the same time, we are reminded that this is all about having the right person. October will be a very interesting month, and the season will continue to advance.

October Services and Events

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| Saturday 5 | 09.00 | Men's Breakfast at Horton Golf Park |
| | 19.00 | Harvest Quiz Night |
| Sunday 6 | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 09.30 | Harvest Parade Service |
| Monday 7 | 19.30 | Knit & Natter Group in the Leverton Room |
| Sunday 13 | 09.30 | Sung Communion |
| Wednesday 16 | 20.00 | PCC Meeting in the Cuddington Hall |
| Thursday 17 | 14.30 | Afternoon Group in the Cuddington Hall |
| Saturday 19 | 10.00 | Women's Group in the Cuddington Hall |
| Sunday 20 | 09.30 | Sung Communion and Children's Groups |
| Wednesday 23 | 19.00 | Men's Dinner at Woodies |
| Sunday 27 | 09.30 | Sung Communion |
| Sunday 3 Nov | 15.00 | Annual Commemoration Service |

Morning Prayer is said in church every weekday morning at 9am

Everyone is very welcome

Please note

The Men's Breakfast has moved to the later time of 9am and the Quarterly Dinner has changed venue and (for one month only) has moved forward by a week because of the clash with the PCC evening to meet the candidates for our vacancy.